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AMENDMENT

In response to the Patent Office Action mailed October 21, 2002, please amend the claims in this application as set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS

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1. (Amended) A safety shield system for a needle cannula having a lumen therethrough for transfer of fluid from a body having a generally tubular end portion, said safety shield system comprising a generally tubular clip member having a plurality of spaced laterally projecting resilient hook-shaped fingers each having an outwardly inclined end portion, a generally tubular reciprocable shield including a first portion surrounding said clip member, a second portion normally surrounding said needle cannula and a plurality of spaced axially extending inwardly opening channel-shaped tracks on inside surface of said shield receiving said laterally projecting resilient hook-shaped fingers of said clip member and guiding said shield axially from a first position wherein said shield second portion surrounds said needle cannula to a second position wherein said needle cannula is exposed, and a spring resiliently biasing said shield axially to normally extend said shield second portion to surround said needle cannula, wherein at least one of said channel-shaped tracks includes an opening through a side wall of said shield which receives said end portion one of said fingers